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This book addresses the growing need to familiarize classroom teachers with the structure and use of language. Written with future teachers in mind, it addresses the core areas they will find most relevant, introducing them to various types of linguistic analysis while covering the basics of phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax. Seven sections include the following: "What Is Linguistics?" (e.g., what linguists do and the relevance of linguistics); "Phonetics: The Sounds of English" (e.g., the relevance of phonetics to classroom teachers and phonemic inventories); "Phonology: The Sound System of English" (e.g., phonemes and allophones, the systematicity of phonology, and modeling phonological analysis with four rules of English); "Morphology: English Word Structures and Formation" (e.g., word classes, major classes, minor classes, and classification of morphemes); "Morphophonology: Where Morphology Meets Phonology" (e.g., morphophonological analysis and some rules of English morphophonology); "Syntax: English Phrase and Sentence Structure" (e.g., sentence types, the purpose of syntax, and constituents); and "Language Variation: English Dialects" (e.g., the language versus dialect distinction and levels of language variation). (Contains 10 references.) (SM)

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